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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OF GENSCHER VISIT TO BERLIN: A FOOTNOTE

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1. REFTEL DESCRIBED EAST BERLIN ASPECTS OF THE MAY 22 SOVIET PROTEST OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S VISIT TO BERLIN TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY KISSINGER. OF INTEREST IS THE FACT THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE GDR ABRASIMOV TOLD BOTH GAUS OF THE FRG REPRESENTATION AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE ON MAY 22 THAT THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER STATEMENT BY THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER BEYOND HIS OWN PRESS STATEMENT OF THAT MORNING AND CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN BONN.

2. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY WE HAVE LEARNED FROM FRG REPRESENTATIVES HERE -- AND THEY TOO ARE NOT SURPRISED -- THAT NO FURTHER SOVIET STATEMENT WAS MADE TO FRG REPRESENTATIVES EITHER IN BONN OR MOSCOW. THE WEST GERMAN VIEW IS THAT  
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ABRASIMOV WAS WITHER MISINFORMED AS TO FURTHER SOVIET

INTENTIONS, OR THAT A DECISION WAS MADE THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROTEST HAD BEEN TAKEN AS FAR AS IT COULD USEFULLY GO, THE CASE BEING DECIDEDLY WEAK.

3. THEN ON JUNE 19, GAUS GAVE A SMALL DINNER AT HIS HOME TO WHICH HE INTENDED TO INVITE SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR GROMYKO. THE INVITATION WAS ISSUED, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER GAUS'S OFFICE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL SAYING POLITELY THAT IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR DETERMINED WHO WOULD ATTEND SUCH FUNCTIONS AND HAD, IN THIS CASE, DECIDED THAT HE HIMSELF WISHED TO ACCEPT THE DINNER INVITATION. PREPLEXED BUT NOT UNHAPPY, GAUS TOOK ONE OF HIS OWN OFFICERS OFF THE LIST IN ORDER THAT BOTH ABRASIMOV AND GROMYKO COULD ATTEND. THE EVENING, AT WHICH DCM GRVOE WAS ALSO PRESENT, WS UNUSALLY RELAXED AND FRIENDLY, ABRASIMOV MAKING HIMSELF A MOST CHARMING GUEST. COOPER

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